

## 3-1-1, transit info system go haywire

TECHNICAL Just two days after the city's 9-1-1 call system failed, the city's 3-1-1 system and transit information system both also suffered technical problems.

Just after midnight Tuesday the problems began with the 268-prefix including 268-8008 and 3-1-1 calls being redirected to a back-up system.

City of Calgary official Doug Hodgson said after a TELUS assisted investigation they concluded the two incidents are not related.

"We resolved the issue with the help of one of our main partners and discovered the problem was with another service provider," Hodgson said adding there were only about 40 calls affected.

Hodgson acknowledged the initial concern was that the two incidents were related but reiterated 9-1-1 service was not affected during the second incident. KRISTA SYLVESTER/

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Calgary Firefighter Will O'Brien holds his son Ty, 2, while honouring firefighters and police members who lost their lives in the line of duty at the Firefighters Memorial Service at the Police/Firefighter Tribute Plaza in front of City Municipal building.

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# Memorial remembers firefighters who died in the line of duty

MEREDITH O'HARA for Metro Calgary

Calgary's fallen firefighters were remembered at an annual memorial yesterday.

Firefighters and members of the public gathered at the Police, Firefighter Tribute Plaza behind City Hall to honour those lost in the line of duty.

"It's an important annual event ... to honour those that have sacrificed ... their lives, for the protec"I don't think he would have done anything else. He was so proud to go to work every day."

Jason Briggs on his father, firefighter Ed Briggs

tion of the citizens of Calgary," said Garth Rabel, the director of vesterday's ceremony.

In total, 25 firefighters were remembered. Nine died in the active line of duty, and 16 who died from occupation health is-

Wreaths were laid and a bell was rung once for each person being remembered.

One of the more moving moments was firefighter Iason Briggs' speech.

Briggs father Ed was one of the men remembered at yesterday's ceremony.

He died of cancer after 33 years of service.

Both Briggs and his brother followed in their father's footsteps and are members of the Calgary Fire Department.

Even after their father's death Brigg's said they never thought twice about being a firefighter.

He said his dad wouldn't have either.

"I don't think he would have done anything else. He was so proud to go to work every day," said Brig-

# Stelmach looks to calm ATA wage fight

CANADA OLYMPIC PARK

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**EDUCATION** Premier Ed Stelmach said he is hopeful the escalating Alberta education workers wage dispute will be resolved but some Calgary education employees are still upset about what they call a "broken contract."

The government imposed a wage settlement on teachers after a new formula was used to determine salary increases, which saw teacher-signed agreement increases drop from 5.99 per cent to 4.82 per cent, which is a difference of \$23 million, according to the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA). Stelmach said he understands school boards are under pressure with employees but said the government is working with the ATA to reach an agreement.

You know, I know it's difficult I'm sure, for the school boards, but we'll find a way out of this together with the teachers, the school boards and the government," Stelmach said while in the city yesterday.

That doesn't bode well with some teachers or teaching staff who are affected by the wage implementation, including one elementary teacher, who wished to withhold her name.

"A contract is a contract and it worries me it was broken and makes me question the entire process. This will have an impact on my pay," the teacher said.







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# Construction begins on LRT station

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PARKS Upgrades to at least four Calgary-area parks are on hold. Staff have requested that city council relinquish almost \$8 million set aside for the projects after grant applications to the province failed. Without provincial support, the city will have to find the money elsewhere.

**LUNCHBOX** Actor and director Pamela Halstead has been named the new artistic director for Calgary's Lunchbox Theatre. Halstead is the company's fifth artistic director. Most recently, she was the artistic producer of

Ship's Company Theatre in Parrsboro, N.S. "I am thrilled to be returning to Calgary," said Halstead.

FIRE Fire officials believe smoking material or a lit cigarette is behind a fire in the 6400 block of Travois Place NW that killed a woman Monday. Officials need autopsy results to determine whether the fatality was due to human error or a previous medical condition. The fire is not considered suspicious.

SOCIAL MEDIA The Alberta New Democratic Party is allowing bloggers, tweeters and citizen journalists to their annual convention this year. Organizer Katharine Hay said for the first time in Alberta, non-

mainstream media have been invited to help kindle interest in the inner workings of a democratic political party like the METRO CALGARY

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# **Safety blitz on LRT**

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Calgary police and Calgary Transit will blitz riders during a September crimeprevention and safety campaign launched yesterdav.

The 11th annual LRT Blitz, launched to coincide with an increase in transit ridership during September, will raise law enforcement presence on city transit platforms, trains and parking lots until Sept. 25.

"The goal of the cam-paign is to enhance public safety in C-Train areas in an actual or perceived way," said Sgt. Tory Fassnidge, District 6 LRT Blitz supervisor.

Increased presence also aims to deter any inappropriate behaviour in and around C-Train stations.

Const. Steve Greenhough said police receive a lot of positive feedback for their presence from riders — especially women and the elderly. He said patrolling, or "flying the flag," lets people know they are out there.

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Calgary police and peace officers issued \$150 fines to LRT passengers without transit tickets after launching their annual LRT Blitz campaign.

District 6 said that although this campaign will only run for three weeks, police and Calgary Transit will continue ensuring safety yearround.

Police and transit security handed out several tickets on LRT platforms after the launch.

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## Installation to recognize historic anniversary

ART The Public Art Program announced yesterday the installation of Gen. James Wolfe, a bronze statue from the Civic Art Collection, into South Mount Royal Park on Sunday.

The event is part of the recognition of the 250th anniversary of the battle on the Plains of Abraham. All Calgarians are welcome at the event.

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# Byelection loss would trigger assessment: Premier

POLITICS Premier Ed Stelmach acknowledged yesterday he knows the upcoming Calgary-Glenmore byelection may be a tough sell for voters.

"The most important thing and most important goal for any candidate is to get voters out, because it's sometimes difficult to generate the interest in a byelection," Stelmach said yesterday.

When Stelmach asked if it would be a reflection of his government if Conservative candidate Diane Colley-Urquhart loses the byelection, he said without speculating they would wait to see the results.

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"If she loses, we'll look at the results of the election and see what the message

is.
"The key is to knock on the all the doors and meet with people ... because that is what politicians do, and respond to the needs of the community."

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Quebec minister steps down following allegations

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# Canada/World

# Drunk driver gets life in jail

It's not the sentence they were looking for, but Crown prosecutors say a legal precedent was still set yesterday. A Canadian court has,

A Canadian court has, for the first time ever, sentenced a drunk driver to life in prison, said Crown lawyer Joey Dubois.

Roger Walsh, 57, was handed the ruling in a courtroom west of Montreal. He pleaded guilty to mowing down a wheel-chair-bound woman last year after a night of binge drinking. It was his 19th drunk-driving conviction.

Quebec court judge Michel Mercier declared the man incorrigible and said he would be likely to reoffend. The Crown sought to make Walsh the first Canadian subjected to that designation for drunk driving. The judge concluded that the designation — which has been reserved for murderers and serial rapists — did not apply here.

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Sara Khudaverian holds a photo of her late daughter, Anee, yesterday in Valleyfield, Que.

# Iggy's popularity wanes: Poll

POLITICS A new poll suggests Canadians think Michael Ignatieff is wrong to try to force an election this fall and the Liberal leader's popularity has nosedived as a result.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey also suggests Liberal fortunes have dipped, with the Conservatives taking a slight lead nationally — 34 per cent to 31.

The NDP was at 15 per cent, the Greens at 10, and the Bloc Quebecois at eight.

Poll respondents with a negative impression of Ignatieff jumped 15 points from March, to 41 per cent. Thirty-nine per cent had a positive impression, down six points.

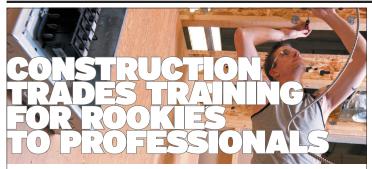
Stephen Harper isn't doing much better — impressions of the prime minister remained virtually unchanged with 44 per cent having a favourable opinion and 45 per cent having an unfavourable opinion.

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# Iran presents nuclear proposal

TALKS Iran presented world powers yesterday with a proposal for new talks with the West, though Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has ruled out negotiations over uranium enrichment, the UN's central concern over his country's nuclear program.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki gave a package of proposals to diplomats representing the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany in a meeting m.metrenews.ca



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in Tehran attended by journalists. The IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei has said his agency is locked in a "stalemate" with Iran and has urged Tehran to "substantively re-engage" with the watchdog to prove there are no military dimensions to its nuclear program.

ElBaradei stressed yesterday that dialogue was key to breaking the "logjam" and urged Tehran to accept the offer to talk.

"We can spend days and nights here talking about this issue but unless we talk to each other and not at each other we will not move forward." he said.

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## Obama makes health care case

HEALTH CARE U.S. President Barack Obama summoned Congress to enact sweeping health care legislation last night, declaring the "time for bickering is over" and the moment has arrived to help millions who have insurance and many more without it.

His nationally televised

address on Capitol Hill came as Obama's popularity is falling, opposition Republicans are on the attack and his fellow Democrats are divided about what kind of plan to pursue. "I am not the first president to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last," Obama said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **News** in brief

HIJACKING A jetliner from Cancun was briefly hijacked as it landed in Mexico City yesterday. The hijackers released all passengers shortly before police stormed the plane, and the crew emerged unharmed moments later. Police, who did not fire a shot, led as many as eight handcuffed men away from the aircraft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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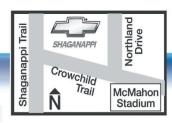
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# Take time to know thy neighbour



didn't know Dianne Trottier. She and I lived in the same building. I would see Dianne in the lobby. In the elevator. Out and about running errands or walking her dog.

The most that we ever exchanged were nods of familiarity and the occasional guarded smile.

Dianne was killed Aug. 30 in Fredericton, the victim of a hit-and-run. And it's only in death that I'm finally getting to know my neighbour.

Dianne was not much old-er than me. She worked first as a writer, then as a producer for CBC News. She was a star player in the Toronto Power Wheelchair Hockey League. She did not allow her disability to limit or define her. She loved to cook. She was, by all accounts, well-liked, funny and fearless. Dianne Trottier was small but mighty.

I didn't know any of these things about Dianne.

I didn't even know her name because I never bothered to ask.

Had I only known that the woman with whom I frequently shared an elevator was a journalist, blessed with a razor-sharp wit. Had I only known that she was stupefyingly brave and outspoken. I'd often wondered about the accessibility ramp in my local grocery store and it's only now I'm learning that Dianne was the person who placed the calls to make it happen.

Learning about this amazing woman now, after the chance has passed for me to get to know her, fills me with a combination of guilt, shame and regret.

When I was a kid, we knew just about everyone on our street. We'd play ball hockey and jump rope on each other's driveways. The adults would share backyard produce, chat over fences and shout greetings across the street. Then we moved to a new street. My parents have lived there for more than 15 years and I still don't know the names of our next-door neighbours on one side. Not an uncommon occurrence in major cities.

It's even worse in apartment and condo buildings, these people-hives that of-ten lack common areas or senses of community.

We've become so guarded. In this age of guerrilla sales pitches and religious solicitors, friendly chit-chat is frequently met with suspicion. Being in an elevator with other people is a study in awkwardness. It seems so much easier to just keep to ourselves.

Good fences make good neighbours, true, but we've built up brick walls.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

## Views

# Expand high-tech strategy for women



Wendy Cukier

Canada's high-tech sector is an engine of economic growth. Observers recentcelebrated the increased enrolments in engineering and related technologies reported by Statistics Canada. But the picture is not entirely rosy - the number of females enrolled in these disciplines has declined since 2002. Enrolment in mathematics, computer science and information sciences have fallen by 29.1 per cent between 2002-07, female enrolment

declining even faster.

The Montreal massacre on Dec. 6, 1989, focused attention on women in technology as never be-fore. The killer targeted aspiring engineers at l'Ecole Polytechnique for achieving what he could not. The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers then released a report — More Than Just Numbers — that revealed the barriers inhibiting women from entering and excelling in engineering. It recommended a wide range of interven-tions to address "the chilly climate" for women and spawned "women in technology programs" by well-intentioned companies, associations, schools and universities.

Almost 20 years and millions of dollars later, we have to face the unpleasant truth: The piecemeal approach is not working. A review of more than 50 programs showed few had formal evaluations demonstrate significant impact

High-tech employers can help by encouraging girls to pursue technology careers, developing re-cruitment and retention strategies to support women and reinforcing positive messages in their procurement and marketing strategies. They also need to ensure they

match skill requirements to the tasks, to consider alternative routes to the profession and to create a workplace climate that is

Teachers, professors and guidance counsellors need to ensure they present the full range of options and consider female friendly pedagogy and examples.
As the 20th anniversary

of the Montreal massacre approaches, there is no better time for Canada to develop an integrated and sustained strategy to weave the pieces together.

Wendy Cukier is the associate dean of the Ted Rogers School of Manageme at Ryerson University, and the founder of Ryerson's Diversity Institute.



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# Business

# Jobs emcee's launch

Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs returned to his showman role yesterday, taking the stage at a product launch event for the first time since his nearly six-monthlong medical leave.

Jobs, 54, who had a liver transplant this spring, got a standing ovation at the event for journalists, bloggers and software partners in San

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#### **Sports** in brief

**SOCCER** European champion Spain and rejuvenated England booked their World Cup places with two games to spare yesterday by both maintaining their perfect records in qualify-

**BASEBALL** Derek Jeter tied the New York Yankees record for hits held by Lou Gehrig. Jeter singled to right field in

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the seventh inning for his third hit last night against Tampa Bay, matching Gehrig with 2.721 hits as a Yankee. **HOCKEY** The International Ice Hockey Federation has ruled that Detroit Red Wings forward Jiri Hudler can sign with Dynamo Moscow of Russia's Continental Hockey

League. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Oudin ends 'great run'

Teen can't pull off fifth upset in a row at U.S. Open

#### Melanie Oudin's magical U.S. Open is over.

Even the comeback kid couldn't overturn

Showing signs of shakimark and never really re-

"This has been a great ex-perience for me. I had a great run here," the 70thranked Oudin told the crowd of 23,881 during an on-court interview right after the match, an honour usually reserved for the winner.



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ness in her first Grand Slam quarter-final, the 17-yearold Oudin got off to a slow start against No. 9-seeded Caroline Wozniacki of Dencovered, losing 6-2, 6-2 last

"I hope to come back



Melanie Oudin yells after losing a point to Caroline Wozniacki, last night at the U.S. Open in New York. Oudin lost 6-2, 6-2.

next year and do even bet-

ter."

It'll be hard to top her tablished players — including three-time major cham-2009 U.S. Open. pion Maria Sharapova and



Olympic Beijing medallist Elena Dementieva - to become the youngest quarter-finalist at Flushing Meadows since Williams in 1999. Serena

In men's action yesterday, No. 4-seeded Novak Djokovic reached the U.S. Open semifinals for the third consecutive year, beating No. 10 Fernando Verdasco of Spain 7-6 (2), 1-6, 7-5, 6-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Bengals star promises surprise

**Chad Ochocinco is working** on a tweet surprise for the

He promised something new for the Cincinnati Bengals opener Sunday against the Denver Broncos at Paul Brown Stadium. What exactly? He wouldn't say. But it's likely to get a review

from the NFL, which has banned players' use of social networks during games.

Ochocinco thinks he's found a around it.

Twitter 'The world, they don't

Chad Ochocinco

need a signal," he said yesterday. "They'll know. It's the quiet before the storm. Just watch."

The league said that no player or anyone representing him can provide in-game updates on the player's personal Twitter, Facebook or other networking accounts

Ochocinco, who is one of the most prolific tweeters among NFL players, thinks

he's found a way around it. "I've been really, really quiet, and there's a storm coming Sunday," he said.

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## Bettman, Balsillie to take stand

**NHL** The two men at the centre of the Phoenix Coyotes bankruptcy case will each take the stand in court this week.

Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman are expected to spend as much as 40 minutes apiece answering questions from lawyers, according to an agenda filed in Arizona bankruptcy court vesterday.

They're scheduled to appear before the court early Friday — the second of two days Judge Redfield T. Baum has set aside this week to oversee an auction for the team, in which Balsillie and the NHL are now the only bidders.

Ice Edge Holdings confirmed yesterday that it would not take part in this week's auction, hinting that it may try to buy the team at a later date.

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## **Sports** in brief

NHL The Dallas Stars are pegaina some of their ticket prices to the whims of the marketplace. The team said yesterday it will be the first NHL franchise to offer a flexible pricing plan that goes beyond the notion of charging more for games against better opponents. As with air fares, buying tickets early can help, and it will matter where the teams are in the standings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Ticket prices up, Cowboys set record

NFL ticket prices climbed 3.9 per cent to an average of \$74.99 US for the 2009 season. According to Team Marketing Report's survey released yesterday, 21 teams either kept prices the same or lowered them. The average ticket to a Dallas Cowboys game costs \$159.65, a record for the Fan Cost Index survey, which dates to 1991. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# **NFL Preview**



# **Super Bowl XLIV**

The 44th edition of the Super Bowl will be held at Miami's Dolphins Stadium on Feb. 7, 2010. It will be the fifth time the stadium has played host to the NFL's championship game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# North wind blowing Steelers have a score to settle in season opener

Canadian participation on the rise in the National Football League

PERRY LEFKO for Metro Canada

#### The National Football League may be an American entity, but it has a growing Canadian element to it.

Whether it's Canadian-born players or players who have graduated from the Canadian Football League, there are elements of the NFL that are of particular interest to football fans north of the border.

Oshiomogho (O.J.) Atogwe, a Windsor native, was drafted in the third round of the 2005 NFL Draft and has blossomed into one of the premier safeties in the league. He's what's known as a ball hawk because of his proficiency in intercepting passes. He has 17 picks in four seasons, including eight in 2007, which led the National Football Confer-

In February, the Rams signed Atogwe to a one-year

**Patriots** 

deal worth \$6.342 million US. Suffice to say, he stands to reap even more financial rewards if he continues to play at this level.

In Chicago, defensive lineman Israel Idonije heads into his sixth season with the team. The native of Lagos, Nigeria, who grew up in Manitoba and graduated from the University of Manitoba has become a regular starter in the last two years.

Last year, Idonije had his most productive season in terms of sacks with 3½. In May, the Bears extended his contract through

to the 2011 season and gave him a \$2-million signing bonus. slated receive \$2.5 million in each of the

Oshiomogho Atogwe

next two seasons. Idonije, one of the few players in NFL to graduate from the Canadian university ranks, has reached these heights despite the fact he didn't start playing organized football until university.

Another player from the Canadian post-secondary ranks is Dan Federkeil, who graduated from the University of Calgary as a tight end

> agent free with the Indianapolis Colts in 2006 and was converted into an offensive line-

and signed as a

In New England, Brantford Nick Kaczur has become a regular on

the offensive line and now enters his

fifth season.

Much attention from a Canadian perspective will be on defensive lineman Vaughn Martin, who played only two years at the University of Western, but impressed the San Diego Chargers enough to draft him in the fourth round and give him a multi-year contract.

Other Canadians of note include: Washington kicker Shaun Suisham; Seattle punter Jon Ryan; New Orcornerback Jason David; Jacksonville defensive tackle Rob Meier; Dallas long snapper L.P. Ladouceur; Seattle wide receiver Nate Burleson; and Indy receiver Sam Giguere.

Cam Wake, who was named the CFL's outstanding defensive player the last two years, parlayed that into a contract with the Miami Dolphins. Running back Stefan Logan, a teammate Wake's in B.C., signed with Pittsburgh and survived pre-season cuts.

# settle in season opener

NFL PICKS With a record sixth Lombardi Trophy in their possession, the Steelers carry the biggest of targets on their black-andgold jerseys this season. Yet it's Mike Tomlin's champions — and all of Pittsburgh, for that matter — looking to settle a score in the NFL season's opener tonight.

Into Heinz Field come the Terrible Towel stompers themselves, the Tennessee Titans. After the Titans whipped the Steelers 31-14 in Nashville in the penultimate game last season, linebacker Keith Bulluck dropped a towel, then swiped his foot across it. Running back LenDale White stomped on a towel, and defensive end Jevon Kearse used one as he pretended to blow his nose.

The Steelers, who are 5½point favourites in the now traditional opener hosted by the Super Bowl winners, didn't lose again after that game. And they haven't forgotten the Titans' terrible behaviour toward their towels.

But Pittsburgh's top-ranked defence will concern itself with what White, Chris Johnson and rookie Javon Ringer try to do on the ground. Tennessee is no slouch on D, either, even with All-Pro tackle Albert Haynesworth now in Washington. With both sides likely to be stingy, this could come down to one key play by an offensive standout. We'll bet that's Hines Ward

#### Buffalo (plus 10) at New England (Monday night)

BEST BET: Hello T.O. from Buffalo. No matter how much you do in your Bills debut, Tom Brady, Randy Moss, Wes Welker and Patriots will do more.

#### San Francisco (plus 61/2) at Arizona

UPSET SPECIAL: Niners nearly beat Cardinals in Mike Singletary's debut as interim coach last November. They win his debut as full-time coach. 49ERS 21-20

#### Minnesota (minus 2½) at Cleveland

Everybody loves Brett Favre-led Vikings. Doesn't seem like anyone likes Eric Mangini-led Browns.

A year ago, this was considered an early-season dud. Now, it's a matchup worthy of prime-time. AFC is superior to NFC, so ...

#### DOLPHINS 24-21 Detroit (plus 12) at

New Orleans Let's see, Lions haven't won since two days before Christmas — in 2007.

#### Kansas City (plus 8½) at **Baltimore**

Maybe Matt Cassel is better off not facing Ravens' fierce D.

### Philadelphia (plus 1) at Carolina

Two franchises that had very busy off-seasons. Brian Westbrook and DeAngelo Williams are worth admission price.

#### **EAGLES 24-20** Denver (plus 1) at Cincinnati

Bengals might be jealous that Broncos have stolen the dysfunctional thunder.

#### New York Jets (plus 4) at Houston

Sanchez, Mario Williams and DeMeco Ryans. OUCH.

## Jacksonville (plus 7½) at

## Indianapolis With Tony Dungy re-

tired, Colts might take some missteps. Not here. Dallas (minus 3) at

# Tampa Bay

Cowboys tune up for big debut game of their billion-dollar stadium. Are they looking ahead? Nope.

### Washington (plus 6) at N.Y. Giants

Redskins might be best fourth-place team in NFL. Giants are likely first-place

## St. Louis (plus 7) at Seattle

Jim Mora takes over as Seahawks coach. He's got better roster than Steve Spagnuolo does in his Rams debut.

#### SEAHAWKS 16-10 Chicago (plus 3) at Green Bay

Longest running rivalry in pro football, and both franchises have strong teams. Pack looks stronger right now.

## PACKERS 28-17 San Diego (minus 7) at Oakland (Monday night)

Regardless of Chargers star LB Shawne Merriman's status, Oakland is outmanned. CHARGERS 33-7

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# Broncos begin post-Shanahan era

BRADY Tom Brady is excited about Monday night's opener and not only because it will be his first regular-season game in more than a year. The New England Patriots quarterback noted yesterday noted he's already played in three exhibition games and that's given him a chance to face another team. It also gave him time to play with a brace on his sur gically repaired left knee and he said he feels comfortable with it.

#### Vikings

FAVRE Brett Favre insists he won't let his durability streak hurt the Vikings. Favre will make his 270th straight start when Minnesota plays at Cleveland Sunday. That will match what the NFL considers the longest streak in history, held by former Vikinas defensive lineman Jim Marshall from 1961-79. Favre said yesterday he would sit out this season if he's not healthy enough to suit up as Minnesota's quarterback. The 39-year-old also said he "may not" be able to play in all 16 regularseason games.

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**DENVER** The dominoes started to fall in Denver when Kansas City's Dwayne Bowe mishandled an onside kick against San Diego on Dec. 14 that would have secured a playoff spot for the Bron-

The usually sure-handed Bowe let the ball slip through his grasp, and two weeks later, the Broncos watched their first post-season trip since 2005 slip through theirs.

Owner Pat Bowlen summoned Mike Shanahan, his "coach for life," into his office and fired the two-time Super Bowl winner who had managed to win just one playoff game in the decade after John Elway re-

With a dreadful defence to renovate, Bowlen hired 32-year-old offensive wunderkind Josh McDaniels from Bill Belichick's staff.

The drama had only just begun.

McDaniels soon found himself in a colossal clash with Pro Bowl passer Jay Cutler, who didn't appreciate McDaniels entertaining the notion of bringing quar-



In a move that may define his career, new Denver coach Josh McDaniels traded franchise quarterback Jay Cutler for Kyle Or-

terback Matt Cassel with him from New England. Cassel ended up in Kansas City, yet the seeds of disconwere flourishing at Dove Valley.

McDaniels was willing to let the feud play out, but when Cutler ignored calls from Bowlen, the owner ordered his new coach to trade the franchise quarterback.

In a move that may define his coaching career, McDaniels sent Cutler to Chicago for Kyle Orton and

a bevy of draft picks on April 2.

The two saw each other again last month in an exhibition game at Invesco Field, where Cutler got the last laugh. While he led the Bears on a beautiful 98-yard scoring drive that highlighted Chicago's 27-17 win, Orton's memorable moment was flashing his bloodied right index finger to the Broncos' bench after the dislocated knuckle poked through his skin.

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# Special focus

a look at home renovations.

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that, especially in new

moving into a construction

communities.

"They know

site." Maurer said.

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Anyone who's ever renovated their home knows it is a disruption to their everyday routine. But what some may not

think about is how the construction and disruption will affect their neighbours.

In a city like Calgary, construction seems to be a way of life. Brian Maurer, president of the construction firm Albi Renova, said

But even for people in developed areas, renovations can turn their block into a mini construction zone

And he said there's not a lot you can do about the noise. That's a fact of any renovation project.

"Neighbours are always a concern," Maurer said, "just because of the disruption in their lives."

He says the most important thing you can do to make the experience a tolerable one for everyone is to keep the lines of communication open.

Maurer's team always introduces themselves to the neighbours and asks them to call if they have a problem.

"That way they don't feel bad coming to us if there's an issue," he said.

But when the lines of communication down, those living with the problem may look for someone to set things straight.

The city of Calgary does have a few programs that can help neighbours dealing with a difficult renovation project in their neighbourhood.

The first is the Community Standards bylaw. This law outlines the expectations for all residents in the city. Though some sections involving noise and clutter on a property have exceptions for renovation projects, the bylaw still requires that the noise and mess remain under control.

And if the renovations are an even bigger concern beyond the noise or mess on the front lawn, residents can turn to the Development & Building Approvals department.

If someone feels a renovation project is dangerous or too close to a property line, they can check with development and building approvals for permits.

If there isn't one, city staff will check up on the situation to enforce the

## **Upcoming home & design shows**

Anyone in the Calgary area interested in renovating their home can check out these home and design shows:

 The Calgary Home and Interior Design Show runs Sept. 17-20 at the BMO Centre, Stampede Park, and has almost 400 retailers. "It helps people envision products and furniture in their homes," said Terri Higgins, the show's manager.

Design Trends Calgary runs Nov. 3-4 at Stampede Park.

 The Home Expo show focuses on exterior and interior design, and takes place Jan. 15-17 at the Roundup Centre, Stampede Park.

The Calgary Home and Garden Show runs from Feb. 25-28 at the BMO Centre, Stampede Park. - MEREDITH O'HARA /FOR METRO CALGARY





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Italian fashion house Gianfranco Ferre has enough cash to stage fashion shows, launch a shoe and handbag line and roll-out a new logo despite being in administration and hit by the downturn, its CEO said. REUTERS



# New Lululemon line

Lululemon Athletica Inc. is launching a new line of clothing called Ivivva Athletica aimed at preteen girls, a move analysts say will open the yoga-inspired retailer to a new and underserved market. Vancouver-based Lululemon said the brand, aimed at girls ages six to 12, will be tested with three stores in Vancouver, Victoria and Calgary starting in November. Lululemon chief executive Christine Day said the new brand is meant to fill a need in the market, as well as protect the Lululemon brand.

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## Victoria's Secret heads north

**NEW STORE** Bra-specific road trips may soon become a thing of the past. In what is perhaps the most highly anticipated American invasion since Obama's trip to Parliament Hill; Victoria's Secret stores are finally expanding into Canada.

Limited Brands Inc., Victoria's Secret's parent company, already dipped a toe into our lingerie market with their acquisition of Canadian chain La Senza in

"We have a tremendous footprint with La Senza operating more than 300 stores in Canada," Brooke Stull of Limited Brands

"We're currently testing a new La Senza store layout and an assortment that focuses on new bra and panty styles ... and we're planning to open ... the first four PINK stores in Canada."

Victoria's Secret PINK is phase one of the brand's Canadian infiltration, beginning next month. PINK and its merchandise focuses on loungewear and athletica, ultimately targeting a more youthful market. Traditional Victoria's Secret stores are scheduled to arrive in the spring of 2010.

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# Waist-shaping wearables

# Clothes that offer the tummy tuck without the surgery

JANINE FALCON For Metro Canada

#### These days we're all working harder than ever. Nice to know some of our clothes can work harder too.

They can't take the place of healthy, active living, but garments with tummy-taming job descriptions can help pick up a little workout slack, and camouflage bits we'd rather keep under wraps.

We're not talking underpinnings, although a pair of Spanx (the best-known name in shapewear) is a must for smooth lines under that favourite little dress. Instead, when we don't want to wriggle into an extra layer, we can turn to clothing brands such as Mark's Work Wearhouse, Melanie Lyne, Spanner and Old Navy for waistwhittling wearables that also slim the hips and lift

the derrière.
"Many women want to look 10 pounds thinner, no matter what size they are," comments freelance fashion fashion stylist Ingrie Williams, whose work has appeared in many of Canada's top magazines and on Citytv. "Wardrobe items with tummy-control benefits can offer shaping without feeling like a girdle."

Generally constructed with variations of a builtin control panel across the inside front, and from denim with varying stretch from one to five per cent. jeans are the most popular figure-enhancing work-horse. In Williams' view, "they're a practical addiany jean wardrobe."

well, "Wardrobe items their fit and for-comfort with tummydesign make control benefits them a good can offer shaping point for without feeling women who like a girdle." have found past jean ex- Ingrie Williams, periences

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freelance fashion unsatisfacto- stylist Daughter's Jeans Your sounds familiar, it's thanks to positive formance reviews from

celebs such as Rachel Ray, Jane Seymour and Diane Sawyer. Part of the appeal is a patented denim weave that resists stretch in the front, and a size range that includes petites and

Old Navy's The Dreamer classic-rise, curvy-silhou-ette jean is new this season. In addition to shaping, it has a contoured waistband to help minimize waist bulge and gaping at the back. Sizes go from zero to 20 regular.

Also making its debut is the Fit to Flatter jean from Canadian company Spanner, which makes regular, petite and plus Melanie Lyne's Off the Record classic-fit jean, also Canadian, launched this past spring and fits up to size 16; a contemporary fit with a slightly lower rise and slimmer, boot-cut leg

just hit stores for fall.

Mark's Work Wearhouse Curvetech collec-

tion (yes, Canadian too) now offers the widest variety of silhouette-enhancing gar-

> ment styles — 40 in all — from ieans capris to yoga-wear to

dress pants, as well as a Total Con-trol skirt. Sizing goes from two to 18 (up to 20 in denim), with 30, 32 and 34 inseams in some styles.

Above: Mark's Work Wearhouse



Left: Not Your Daughter's jeans resin wash hoot cut (\$169) tummytuck

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**Surgery for McGowan** 

In an extensive stunt gone wrong, Rose McGowan brought the Red Sonja set to a standstill. The actress was taken to hospital where she underwent wrist and elbow surgery. "They took part of my elbow out. I had really bad nerve damage from doing stunts." McGowan recently told Fox News. POPEATER.COM

# **Entertainme** Pamela Anderson is reportedly dat-

Pam's new man

ing Jamie Padgett, an electrician she met at a trailer park where the former wife of Kid Rock was staying while work was being done on her house. PEOPLE.COM

# Jay-Z drafts catchy Bluepri

Album: The Blueprint 3 Label: Warner Rating: 🕮 🏶

ON JAY-Z'S 11TH album he lambastes his hip-hop cohorts for using the annoving vocal effect auto-tune. But the music mogul didn't have to do that — just lis-

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sound good. More than a decade after he released Reasonable Doubt, Jay-Z is still a brilliant artist who can out rap just about anyone. The Blueprint 3 is



catchy, thoughtful and has a bevy of guest stars, including Alicia Keys whose soaring vocals on Empire State of Mind are as stunning as Jigga's best raps.

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### **Die** Mannequin

Album: Fino + Bleed Label: Warner Rating: 🕮 🏶

THERE'S **DOUBT** that Toronto hard rockers Die Mannequin are





The Blueprint 3, the 11th album from hip-hop superstar Jay-Z.

aggressive vocals from Care Failure is exactly what the Lady Gaga obsessed music world needs right now. And the band's infectious sound. which is at its most polished and

should catapult the group to the next level. For fans though, the new disc lacks rawness and the inyour-face creativity of their early EPs. That's a good thing when courting the

critics'corner\_

video may not nave killed the radio star, but it definitely changed music. This two-part documentary continues the story begun in "This Beat Goes On," chronicling the growth of Canadian music at the rise of the digital age, as CDs replaced cassettes music videos.

placed cassettes, music videos

exploded on television, and bands had to start paying attention to their look as much as their sound. The soundtrack

Rise Up - Canadian Pop Music in the 1980s Video may not have killed

masses, but followers might be a bit disappointed.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

#### **Cuff** The Duke

Album: Way Down Here Label: Noble/Universal Rating: @@@1/2

BLUE RODEO **CO-FOUNDER** Greg Keelor has emerged as kind some



of grandfather/patron to the neo-alt-country generation, first as mentor to The Sadies and now as producer of Cuff the Duke. They show a new talent for gentle harmony vocals on the opening track You Were Right, while pushing the edges with fiery Neil Young-like extended electric guitar on tracks like It's All a Blur and Promises. Cuff the Duke are the obvious inheritors of the Blue Rodeo estate, but the band is searching still for one of those knock-out singles like Hasn't Hit Me Yet that would give them a national stature.

#### **Two** Hours Traffic

Album: Territory Label: Bumstead/Universal Rating: @@@

**FANTASTIC** rocker Little labs. the pressure was on for



Two Hours Traffic to push themselves even harder. Unfortunately, their latest record — again produced by Joel Plaskett — falls flat. Territory is darker, and musically many of the songs are more complex, but the tunes are also much quieter and laidback than what's on their previous effort. And, unfortunately, it doesn't work as well. It was the band's visceral energy and Sloan-like feel that garnered them a Polaris Music Prize nomination last year, and without that the passion and intensity doesn't come through as well.

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# includes Men Without Hats' "The Safety Dance" and Bryan Adams' "Summer of '69." 9 PM on CBRT

The Vampire Diaries

Kevin Williamson ("Dawson's Creek," "Scream") is behind this adaptation of L.J. Smith's popular book series about a pair of vampire brothers, one good (Paul Wesley), one evil (lan Somerhalder, "Lost"), as they battle for the soul of a beautiful teenage girl (Nina Dobrev) who recently lost both her parents in a car accident. Steven R. Mc-Queen co-stars. 6 PM on WPIX



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M&M for the family dinner

On Thursday, Sept. 17, M&M Meat Shops will once again encourage Canadians to enjoy the tradition of the family dinner. For each participant who registers at NationalFamilyDinnerNight.com, \$1 will be donated to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# **Urban Foodie**

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# AKA bistro, alias sleek food and wine

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# AKA Bistro Wine Bar

709 Edmonton Trail N.E., Calgary 403-984-7534

#### **Signature Dish:**

Lamb stuffed olives
Rating: ••••
Dinner & drinks for 2: \$52

An intimate, sleek space in a century-old building, AKA is the latest entry in Calgary's wine bar scene. (Yes, there is one!)

The menu and wine list are — hallelujah! — affordable, but doesn't skimp on flavour and quality.

Wine by the glass ranges from \$8 to \$11; bottles hover around \$30 to \$70. But don't be fooled by

the wine part of the bistro; the food is hearty, inventive and fresh.

Nowhere else have I seen lamb stuffed olives (\$7), unabashedly battered and deep fried, laid on a balsam-

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ic reduction and adorned with shaved parmesan.

AKA's take on the Caesar salad (\$9) is a grilled romaine heart, left whole, with big crouton chunks and drizzled with roasted garlic vinaigrette. A salty blast of fried anchovy makes you sit up and take

notice

Brushed with honey and mint, the mustard-breaded lamb ribs (\$11) are worth getting your hands dirty for.

Mains have something for everyone. The pasta primavera (\$14) is a mountain of freshness; steak frites (\$18) are solid.

Meat-lovers alert: the Mixed Grill rings in at a paltry \$22 for Alberta lamb, farmer's sausage, skirt steak and a fried egg.

AKA also serves brunch on weekends.



AKA sets tongues wagging with lamb stuffed olives (\$7).

# **Global Peasant blog online**

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Visit metronews.ca/ globalpeasant for a recipe for raw Leek and Potato Soup — the leeks are fresh from the garden.





# **Dining out**

#### EEAST OF EIEI D

The 8th annual Feast of Fields is on Sunday in Inglewood. You can enjoy local food, drinks and music in the garden of Rouge restaurant (1240-8th Ave. S.E.). Call The Cookbook Co. (at 403) 265-6066 for tickets.

#### **GALA FOR BISTRO**

A jazz gala today through

Saturday is an effort to raise enough money to keep the Bistro Piq Niq & Beat Niq Jazz Club (811 - 1st Street S.W.) open. Food & drink specials, live bands and silent auction. For tickets, call (403) 263-1650.

#### STRAIGHT FROM THE OVEN

Giuseppe's Italian Market is now open (1207 1st Street S.W.) with a woodfired oven for all your pizza cravings.

### In **brief**

CHEESE Janice Beaton Fine Cheese has closed its Kensington location (1249 Kensington Rd. N.W.). But you can still fill your cheese needs at the Mount Royal shop, or take time to savour a bubbly mac and cheese at its adjacent restaurant, FARM (1006-17th Ave. S.W.).

SHOW Canadian chef Michael Smith premieres the second season of Chef Abroad this month on The Food Network.



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# **Celebrity Buzz**

# Megan shows off her prudish side

GOOD-GIRL? Megan Fox has vowed never to make a sex tape, femalefirst.co.uk

The actress is convinced if she saw herself having sex and "looking like a hippo" it'd put her off making love for the rest of her life.

"That's the last thing I want to see — what I look like having sex," she said. "It would take one shot of me not looking good and I would not be able to have sex ever again, because I would always just see myself looking like hippo having

For much the same reason, Fox, 23, has also vowed never to appear naked onscreen in any of her films, and is

still mortified by photos of her in a flesh-coloured suit on the set of forthcoming cheerleader-turned-killer film Jennifer's Body. She added to MTV: "I

can't ever imagine myself doing nudity in a film. It lives forever, especially now, within the Internet. I just can't." METRO NEWS

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## RiRi's dad says no to nudes, bow tie

PROTECTIVE PARENT A topless photo Rihanna posed for in Italian Vogue is "disturbing," her dad, Ronald Fenty, told Us Weekly.

Fenty also disapproved of Chris Brown's outfit during his apologetic

interview on Larry King Live. "The costume he wore was so funny . That bow tie thing. He needs to bury that." METRO WORLD

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# Team Hudson-Rodriquez?

THAT WAS FAST Kate Hudson has become a regular fixture at Alex Rodriguez's Yankees games in York, but this week it was her finger that had a new fixture.

source spotted sparkling diamond ring on Hudson's hand at a home game as she tapped on away



Hudson's rep had no comment.

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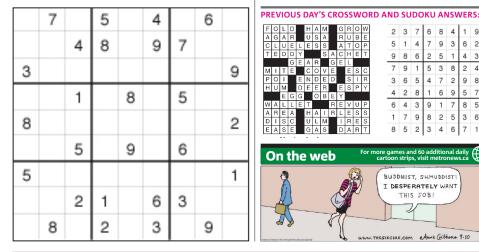
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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## **Tofu Satay**

#### INGREDIENTS

14 oz (400 g) firm tofu 1 eggplant 1 red onion 8 fresh baby corn cobs, halved on diagonal 1/2 cucumber 3 1/2 cups (875 ml) bean sprouts

2 tbsp (25 ml) unsalted peanuts

#### SATAY SAUCE:

1/3 cup (75 ml) crunchy peanut butter 1 tsp (5 ml) salt-reduced soy sauce 1 tsp (5 ml) honey

1 tsp (5 ml) Chinese rice vinegar or cider vinegar 1 large garlic clove, peeled 1 scallion, chopped 3 oz (90 ml) reduced-fat coconut milk

1 tbsp (15 ml) sweet chili sauce

1: Soak 12 bamboo skewers in cold water to prevent them from burning on barbecue or under broiler. For satay sauce, combine peanut butter, soy sauce, honey, vinegar, garlic, scallion, coconut milk and chili sauce in blender or food processor for a thick, almost smooth mixture 2: Preheat barbecue or

broiler. Cut tofu and eggplant into 1-in. (2.5 cm)

cubes. Cut red onion into chunks of equal size. 3: Blanch baby corn cobs in pot of boiling water 2-3 minutes. Drain, then refresh under cold running water. Cut cucumber into thin sticks 2 in. (5 cm) long. Arrange bean sprouts, cucumber sticks and corn on large platter and scatter peanuts over top. Set aside while you cook tofu and vegetable skewers. 4: Thread tofu, eggplant and onion onto soaked skewers, spacing pieces slightly apart. Place on foil-lined grill tray. Brush with some satay sauce, then broil (or barbecue) 10-12 minutes, turning skewers frequently and brushing with sauce. Gently heat remaining satay sauce in small pot or in

warm. 5: Set skewers of tofu satay atop salad, spoon remaining satay sauce over top and serve immediate-

dish in microwave until

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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you are up front and honest with other people today they will be up front and honest with you.

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Because mind planet Mercury is now moving retrograde through your birth sign you must make sure that every-thing you do is built on facts.

#### **TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21

You may be planning a change in your work or your daily routine but with Mercury now moving retrograde it might be wise to hold fire on the idea

#### **SCORPIO** OCT 24-NOV 22

Is your mind playing tricks on you? It certainly looks that way. Pluto, your ruler, endows you with an envious ability to see further and deeper.

#### **GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Your mind may be full of big ideas at the moment but you are advised not to take them too seriously, at least not for now

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#### **SAGITTARIUS** NOV 23-DEC 21

You've had your suspicions that someone you thought you could trust has been telling you lies and what happens today

## CANCER

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The message of the stars for Cancer today is that you are allowing your thoughts a free

# **CAPRICORN**

DEC 22-JAN 20
You will find it easy to get through to employers today but because of Mercury you would be wise not to tell them

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You may not agree with the path that a friend or a relative has chosen to follow but you have no option but to accept it.

#### **AQUARIUS** JAN 21-FEB 18

It seems like the more you expect of other people the less they deliver and the more disappointed that makes you.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

No matter how cautious a Virgo you may be by nature you are in the mood to take risks to-

## **PISCES**

#### FFR 19-MARCH 20

A money matter may demand your attention but the planets warn if you act in haste you will do more harm than good.

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### 1) What is a stock market? 2 points

- a. An exchange where investors trade securities
- b. A market for various types of company products and inventory
- c. A market where big investment banks come to hire their professionals

#### 2) Which of the following is a major North American stock market? 2 points

- a. The Great Canadian 50
- b. The Nikkei
- c. The NASDAQ

# 3) Monique contributes 15% of each paycheque to her RRSP and diversifies her investment among different asset classes. Monique utilizes which investment principle? *3 points*

- a. Dollar cost averaging
- b. Tax-deferral
- c. Asset allocation
- d. All of the above

# 4) Which of the following statements about a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) account is FALSE? 2 points

- a. The principal and interest/investment income earned in an RRSP account are not taxable to the investor until the money is withdrawn for income
- b. The Home Buyers' Plan (HBP) allows you to withdraw up to \$25,000 from your RRSP (\$50,000 for a couple) to buy or build your first home
- c. Only individuals over 65 years of age can open an RRSP account

# 5) The right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a pre-determined price before a particular date in time is called: 3 points

- a. A purchase right
- b. A call option
- c. A put option

### 6) The best way to begin building an investment portfolio is: 3 points

- a. To purchase securities from a minimum of three and a maximum of six countries
- b. To determine a target asset allocation based on your risk tolerance and financial goals
- c. To allocate over 80% of the portfolio to illiquid investments such as private equity and real estate

# 7) What term describes a company that raises financing for the first time by selling an equity stake in itself to the investor community? *2 points*

- a. A subordinate share exchange
- b. A distressed debt sale
- c. An initial public offering (IPO)

# 8) An investment in a mutual fund allows an investor to achieve all of the following benefits, EXCEPT: 3 points

- a. Guaranteed returns in excess of the returns on a benchmark index
- b. Diversifying among many different securities
- c. Managing and rebalancing between sectors and asset classes at the portfolio manager's discretion

# 9) A lower-cost investment that allows an investor to replicate the performance of an index without having to physically trade all of the securities that comprise that index is called: *3 points*

- a. A high-interest savings account
- b. An inflation-linked note
- c. An index Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)

# 10) What is the best way that investors can educate themselves about the markets and investing? 2 points

- a. Read market trends and commentaries and research individual companies and sectors
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   something for every level of investor whether you're experienced
   or just starting out
- c. Opening up an online practice account in order to practice online investing without the risk of using real money
- d. Doing all of the above for FREE with RBC Direct Investing Practice Accounts!

Answers: 1(a), 2(c), 3 (d), 4(c), 5 (b), 6(b), 7(c), 8(a), 9(c), 10 (d)

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